

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Decision of the Film and Literature Board of Review

Date of entry in Register: 16 February 1996
Name of applicant/court: Gordon and Gotch Magazines
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not applicable
Title of Publication: Australian Penthouse Hot Shots No 1
Other Known Titles: Not stated
Director: Not applicable
Producer: Not applicable
Publisher: Gemkilt Publishing
Author: Not applicable
Format: Magazine
Country of Origin: Australia
Language: English

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Components of film originally examined: Not applicable

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not applicable

Reasons(s) for Excision:

Not applicable

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Classification Decision:

R18

Display conditions:

-Labelled not for sale to persons under the age of 18 years

-Transparent sealed package

These display conditions override the display conditions given by the Office of Film and Literature Classification in the decision registered on 3 February 1995.

Descriptive Note:

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Direction to issue a label has been given on:

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The photographs contained in this magazine are softer and consist of single female models in various stages of undress. The photographs mainly emphasise breasts. Pubic hair and the genital area are often visible, but there is no touching or spreading of labia. The photographs tend to be full body shots and consequently depict women in a less demeaning, degrading and dehumanising manner. The diminished intensity of these photographs weaken their ability to degrade, dehumanise and demean, thus pushing them into the "restricted" category rather than the "objectionable" category. There are four pages of text however that are much more objectionable than the surrounding photographs. The text describes explicit sexual encounters and can be read in a manner that demeans women and that represents them as inherently inferior to men by reason of their constant servicing of male sexual needs. Without this text, the dominant effect of the magazine is reasonably demure; with the text the dominant effect of the magazine is more demeaning of women. The availability of *Australian Penthouse Hot Shots No 1* would not be injurious to the public good provided it is restricted to persons 18 years of age and over. The injury to the public good caused by the availability of this magazine to persons under the age of 18 years is its potential to reinforce negative male attitudes towards women amongst more impressionable male teenagers.

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